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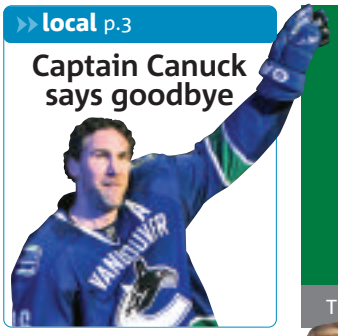

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Apology to Aboriginals draws tears

By **KRISTEN THOMPSON**
Metro Vancouver

It was standing room only at Chief Joe Mathias Centre in North Vancouver yesterday, as roughly 1,500 people gathered to watch a live broadcast of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's apology to residential school survivors.

The historic formal apology was made in the House of Commons for the treatment of students in the defunct federal residential school system, where many children were abused, neglected and stripped of their cultural identity.

"This policy of assimilation was wrong, has caused great harm, and has no place in our country," Harper said.

"The government of Canada sincerely apologizes and asks the forgiveness of the Aboriginal peoples of this country for failing them so profoundly."

In North Vancouver, residential school survivors in the audience were applauded by the crowd. Many people took pictures with cameras and camera phones.

Florence Mathias Joe, who went to a residential school in Sechelt in the early 1970s, broke down in tears during the broadcast in North Vancouver.

She and two siblings were taken away from their father when their mother died.

"We survived," she said, while being comforted by her sisters.

Speakers said they welcomed the apology, adding that while it doesn't heal the wounds, it's an important step toward reconciliation.

Squamish Nation Chief Gibby Jacob said the day is just as much about the future as it was about the past.

"I was afraid that (the apology) … would pale in comparison to the effects of the policies of the previous government," he said.

"We need to move on. If we don't quit victimizing ourselves, the effects that were felt will continue."

Shawn Atleo, with the B.C. Assembly Of First Nations, said the apology will help survivors in their "journeys toward healing."

"Tomorrow, all Canadians will work together to turn this heavy page of our dark history," he said.

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system of assimilation

» Residential schools were established to assimilate around 150,000 First Nation children, who were taken from their families and forbidden to speak their native language.
» There are roughly 80,000 living survivors of the system.

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Residential school survivor Florence Mathias Joe gets comfort from her sister Rose as her great-grandniece Emma looks on. They joined more than 1,500 others at Chief Mathias Centre in North Vancouver yesterday to watch a broadcast of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's historic apology to Canada's Aboriginals.

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Canucks fans can send e-postcards with personal messages and memories to Trevor Linden through a tribute page on *canucks.com*.

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Retiring with a smile

For Linden, getting his teeth fixed meant time to hang up the skates

By **JEFF HODSON**
Metro Vancouver

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Trevor Linden announces his retirement at GM Place in Vancouver yesterday after 19 years playing in the National Hockey League.

Trevor Linden realized he was about to retire when he went to the Canucks' dentist several weeks ago and had his teeth fixed.

"Once you do that, as a professional hockey player, you're probably not going to get back on the ice again," said Linden, who confirmed yesterday, on the 20th anniversary of his draft day, he was hanging up his skates and was taking some time away from hockey.

Linden, 38, said he spent several hours a day, for several days, sitting in a dentist chair, repairing teeth that had taken a beating during his 19 years in the National Hockey League.

"Once you make that call to the dentist, you've decided in your head."

cup dreams?

» Linden never won a Stanley cup, but he says it's not something he dwells on.

With his wife, Cristina, and brothers Dean and Jamie present, Linden reminisced about a 1,382-game career whose highlights included representing his country at the Olympics and Game 6 in the 1994 Stanley Cup final against the New York Rangers.

He also spoke of his final game in a Canucks uniform (April 5) the lengthy standing ovation he received despite the team losing 7-1.

"There's a lot of quality superstar players that played baseball, football, basketball, hockey — and I don't consider myself one of those — that don't get that type of reception in their last game. I felt very overwhelmed and truly blessed."

Linden sits 32nd on the all-time games played list, 94th in goals with 375 and 99th in points with 867.

As good as he was, the Medicine Hat, Alta.-native may be better remembered for his work off the ice, especially though his efforts with B.C. Children's Hospital and the Canucks Place Children's Hospice.

"The obligation of a professional athlete is to be responsible and make a difference. It's a great gift we have to be able to make a difference."

As for his future, Linden said he's been in conversation with the Canucks about a role with the franchise, but plans to step away from the game and figure out what he wants to do. He added that he has no plans to run for political office.

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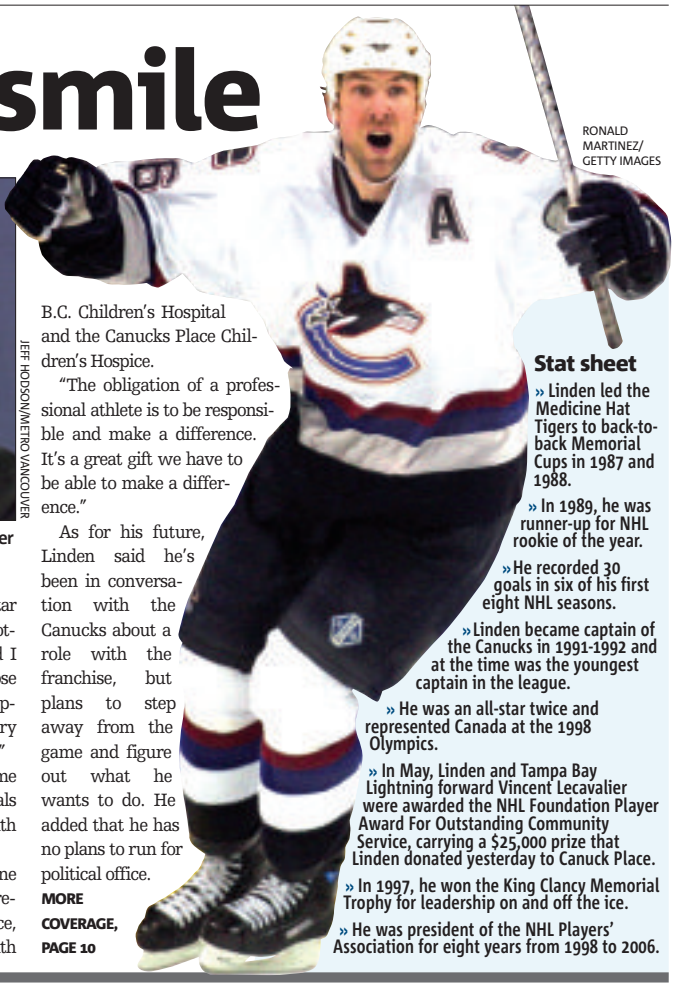

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Stat sheet

» Linden led the Medicine Hat Tigers to back-to-back Memorial Cups in 1987 and 1988.

» In 1989, he was runner-up for NHL rookie of the year.

» He recorded 30 goals in six of his first eight NHL seasons.

» Linden became captain of the Canucks in 1991-1992 and at the time was the youngest captain in the league.

» He was an all-star twice and represented Canada at the 1998 Olympics.

» In May, Linden and Tampa Bay Lightning forward Vincent Lecavalier were awarded the NHL Foundation Player Award For Outstanding Community Service, carrying a $25,000 prize that Linden donated yesterday to Canuck Place.

» In 1997, he won the King Clancy Memorial Trophy for leadership on and off the ice.

» He was president of the NHL Players' Association for eight years from 1998 to 2006.

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Nearly 10,500 people have watched video of the Vancouver Aquarium's new beluga mother, Qila, giving birth to her calf on YouTube.

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Mom, baby beluga bonding

Calf nursing from first-time mother after rocky start

By **KRISTEN THOMPSON**
Metro Vancouver

After a bit of a rocky start, the Vancouver Aquarium's new baby beluga whale is bonding and nursing with its mother, Qila.

> « *Everybody seems to be very happy with how quickly she's now taken to looking after her little one.* »
> *Kent Hurl, aquarium spokesman*

The calf, which is likely a female and has yet to be named, started nursing early yesterday, about 12 hours after it was born in front of a crowd of around 300 visitors and staff.

Kent Hurl, spokesman for the aquarium, said while the first-time mother didn't immediately bond with her baby, they are now inseparable.

"Around 11 p.m. (Tuesday), they sort of passed that milestone together, and it was quite an amazing sight to behold.

"They are physically side-by-side and are nursing," he said.

"Everybody seems to be very happy with how quickly she's now taken to looking after her little one."

Hurl said the pair is still under careful observation, but seem to be healthy and strong.

Qila was born at the Vancouver Aquarium 12 years ago. She was the first beluga to be born in captivity in Canada.

Her calf is the first beluga to be born at the popular Vancouver Aquarium in six years.

–kristen.thompson@metronews.ca

Taxi surcharge kicks in July 12

Passengers say hike to offset fuel costs understandable

By **JOYCE YIP**
For Metro Vancouver

Starting July 12, taxis in B.C. will charge a 3.5 per cent fuel surcharge, and some local riders say the increase is understandable.

how long
» The fuel surcharge is expected to remain until Spring 2009.

Brittany Skinner, a 28-year-old UBC law student, said she takes taxis on weekends.

"I think it's justified because gas prices are going up," Skinner said. "So it makes sense that the services that rely so much on gas go up too."

Lindsay Page, 26, said she is a frequent taxi-taker.

"People need taxis. So unless buses and SkyTrains stay later, there's nothing you can do," she said. "I live downtown and I take the taxi everywhere, so a few more cents are really not going to do anything."

B.C.'s Passenger Transportation Board (PT Board) decided in May that if prices rose above $1.35 per litre, a fuel surcharge would be implemented. Gas surpassed $1.40 this week.

"It's designed for taxi companies to continue providing services," said PT Board director Jan Broock. "But the final cost of the trip, especially for a short trip, is not a big amount. I don't think it's unrealistic."

Cirque sneak peek **Corteo premieres tonight**

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Performers rehearse for Cirque du Soleil's Corteo show in Vancouver last night. The show opens tonight.

Good Samaritan almost robbed

A father and his 11-year-old son who ran door-to-door alerting neighbours during a North Vancouver apartment fire were almost burglarized in their new temporary home, RCMP said yesterday.

commendation
» The day of the arrest, Dustan received an RCMP commendation for his actions during the fire.

Since the May 7 fire that killed three elderly women, Bryan Matthews and son Dustan Roach-Matthews have lived in a basement suite in the 100 block of East 17th Street.

On Friday, a friend, alone and asleep in the suite, heard a knock. Before he could answer, a man kicked down the door.

Michael Thomas Mueller, 40, was arrested and was charged Monday with break and enter and two counts of possession of stolen property.

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» **ROBBERY** The RCMP is looking for a woman who held up a Chilliwack 7-Eleven with a meat cleaver on Tuesday night. She demanded money and cigarettes and fled in a taxi, police said.

» **TRANSIT** Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon hopes to have a gated security system on SkyTrain by 2010, news1130.com reports. A smartcard system would also be implemented to access the system.

» **JAILED** The alleged leader of the Lower Mainland's United Nations gang will remain behind bars in Seattle, CBC News Online reports. Clayton Roueche is charged with distributing cocaine and marijuana. If convicted, he faces a minimum of 10 years in prison.

» **ACUPUNCTURE** The B.C. Medical Services Plan now covers acupuncture, causing some acupuncturists' business to swell by 20 per cent, news1130.com reports. With demand for treatment rising, look for more of the province's 11,000 practitioners to register with MSP.

» **STROKE** Doctors said Delta MLA Val Roddick, 67, has suffered no permanent damage after having a small stroke, CBC News Online reports.

» **MURDER** Lower Mainland homicide investigators appealed for help yesterday in the seven-month-old murder of Edward Roy Bailey of New Westminster. Bailey, 36, was an aspiring artist.

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Sleep, SeaBusers, sleep

By **JOYCE YIP**
for Metro Vancouver

With the third SeaBus being added to TransLink's fleet next year, North Vancouver residents can press the snooze button one more time before their commute to work.

The addition will reduce the current 15-minute wait to a trip every 10 minutes.

"We are increasing the capabilities of our transit system, which will make life a lot easier for those who rely on the SeaBuses," North Vancouver-Seymour MLA Daniel Jarvis said yesterday at the North Vancouver SeaBus Terminal.

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With a $4.8-million fund from the province, the $25-million vessel is now being built at the Washington Marine Group shipyards in Victoria. It will replace the older SeaBuses as they are being revamped with more environmentally friendly engines. All three vessels will be servicing Burrard Inlet in 2010.

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Brian Mulroney, left, once again refused to testify before the Commons ethics committee in the probe into his financial dealings with international arms lobbyist Karlheinz Schreiber. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Harper delivers apology

Native leaders express hope for new era in relations

Prime Minister Stephen Harper addressed one of the darkest chapters in Canada's history yesterday as he formally apologized for forcing 150,000 aboriginal children into grim residential schools, where many say they were sexually and physically abused.

Harper told a Parliamentary chamber packed with legislators and aboriginal representatives that there could be no excuses for what happened at the church-run schools, which operated from the 1870s to the 1970s.

"The government of Canada sincerely apologizes and asks the forgiveness of the aboriginal peoples of this country for failing them so profoundly. We are sorry," Harper said in a 15-minute address, at one point fighting back tears.

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper issues an apology to aboriginals in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill yesterday. Harper received a lengthy standing ovation when he concluded his speech.

Native leaders said they hoped the apology would lead to a new era of reconciliation between Canadians and the often marginalized aboriginal population, which routinely suffers from poor living conditions and high unemployment.

The residential schools were initially set up to educate native children but later became part of a government campaign to assimilate aboriginals and eradicate their culture — "to kill the Indian in the child", as some put it at the time.

"There is no place in Canada for the attitudes that inspired the Indian residential schools system to ever again prevail," Harper said.

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Tory MP questions compensation deal

Says power too concentrated on reserves

On same day Ottawa offered an historic apology to aboriginals for the residential school legacy, a Tory MP openly questioned whether the government was getting "value" from the $4 billion it had earmarked as compensation to the survivors.

political play

» A tape of the broadcast was distributed to the media yesterday by the federal Liberals.

In an interview with a radio talk show yesterday, Conservative MP Pierre Poilievre (Nepean–Carleton) questioned the native leadership and the level of federal funding directed towards native programs across the country.

"That gets to the heart of the problem on these reserves, there's too much power concentrated in the hands of the leadership and it makes you wonder where all of this money is going," Poilievre told Ottawa's CFRA.

"We spent $10 billion, $10 billion, in annual spending this year alone . . . that is an exceptional amount of money," he said.

He stressed that the government funding is on top of the resource revenues and royalties that band councils collect for the natural resources on their lands. "That is an incredible amount of money."

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F---king film finds support

The controversial new Canadian movie Young People F---ing has an improbable champion in Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty.

While McGuinty admitted he was "not familiar" with the romantic comedy that opens nationwide tomorrow, he defended the fact it qualified for and received film tax credits.

The premier also took a swipe at the federal Conservative government's proposed legislation, Bill C-10, that threatens to strip such tax credits from movies that Ottawa deems offensive. "I'm not particularly in favour of getting involved in censoring various artistic endeavours," he said told reporters yesterday.

The movie, slated for national release has received a $120,000 federal tax credit.

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» **NUCLEAR** Ontarians should brace themselves for sticker shock when they see the price of tag for new nuclear reactors, Premier Dalton McGuinty suggests. While the province's electricity supply plan estimates the cost of new and refurbished reactors at $26.3 billion over the next 20 years, there's no way of pinpointing the new reactor cost he says.

» **BOOZE** Alcohol abuse is costing you $463 a year, whether you drink or not. Between the strain on the country's medical system, law enforcement organizations, and job productivity, avoidable alcohol-related expenses cost the Canadian economy roughly $14.5 billion a year. Using Statistics Canada's population estimate for 2002, that works out to $463 per person

» **AFGHAN** Canada will have to extend its military mission in Afghanistan past 2011, must deploy 4,000 more troops to Kandahar and should be open to talking to the Taliban, a Senate defence committee suggested yesterday.

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Quebec **Michaëlle Jean**

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Chile's President Michelle Bachelet, right, and Governor General Michaëlle Jean speak at the Citadelle before a meeting in Quebec City, yesterday. Canada and Chile are working towards creating greater economic relationships between the countries.

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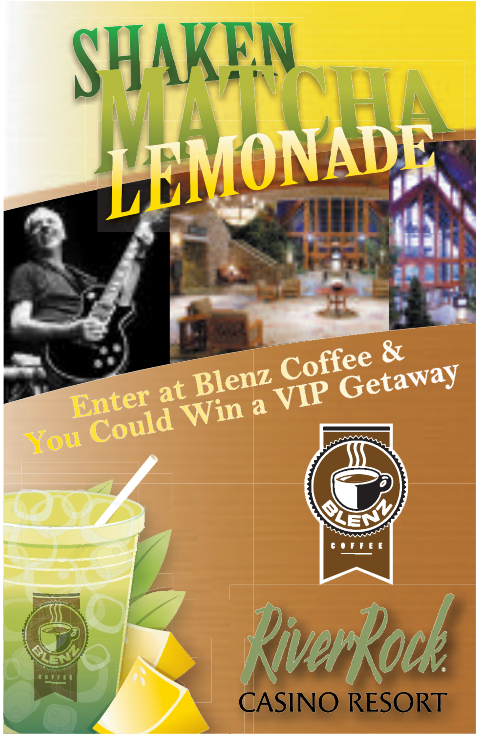

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Tests in Japan have shown that oil produced from the shell of the cashew nut may slash by 90 per cent the methane emissions from belching cattle when mixed as an additive to feed, a spokesman for oil refiner Idemitsu Kosan Co said yesterday. REUTERS

Top secret file forgotten on train

Folder found by passenger in U.K. security breach

One of Britain's top intelligence officials left a file with secret documents about Iraq and al Qaeda on a train, in an embarrassing government security breach that was exposed yesterday.

A passenger found the orange folder on a train and handed it in to the BBC, which said it contained top secret documents on Iraq and al Qaeda.

The Cabinet Office, the central government department that supports the work of Prime Minister Gordon Brown, acknowledged the incident and said it had called in a police investigation.

embarrassing leak

» Government sources suggested that the leak was embarrassing but would not hurt Britain's security.

» But the news will hurt PM Gordon Brown, who has already been stung by accusations of lax security

"The documents were secret. They were in the possession of a senior intelligence official who works in the Cabinet Office. They were lost on a train," a Cabinet Office spokesman said.

"They were retrieved by a member of the public who handed them to the BBC," he said. "When the official realized what had happened, he reported it immediately to the Cabinet Office. We called the police in and they launched an investigation."

A police spokeswoman confirmed that the counter-terrorism command of London's police force was carrying out the probe.

The Cabinet Office declined to comment on the contents of the missing file. But the BBC said they contained two reports, one on Iraq's security forces and one on al Qaeda. REUTERS

Incest victim rejoins family in Austria

The eldest child of an incestuous relationship between Austrian Josef Fritzl and the daughter he confined for 24 years has been reunited with her family after recovering from an artificial coma, doctors said.

wishes

» After coming out of the medically induced coma, Kerstin said she wanted most of all to go on a cruise and attend a concert by British pop star Robbie Williams, doctors said.

Doctors also said yesterday the whole family — Fritzl's daughter Elisabeth and the six surviving of seven children she bore him while locked in a cellar — had been moved into a house on hospital premises to promote a normal living environment.

Fritzl, 73, has been in investigative custody since the case was exposed in April. REUTERS

Bruni to release album #3

French first lady sings of lovers, drugs on album

France's first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy sings of 30 lovers and hard drugs on a new album that she insists was not inspired by her whirlwind romance and marriage to President Nicolas Sarkozy.

Top French newspaper Le Figaro said the distinctive melodies and bold lyrics on Bruni's Comme si de rien n'etait (As if nothing had happened), her first album since she wed Sarkozy, were a new departure from plain folk and a musical success.

Le Figaro critic Bertrand Dicale said in his review that the album — which is due out on July 21 — shows Bruni coming of age as a songstress and embracing more recognizably French styles and the flamboyance of the 1960s.

"I am a child despite my 40 years and 30 lovers," Bruni sings in the song Une Enfant (A Child), according to Dicale who said it was one of the best on the album.

In another song entitled "You are my Drug," Bruni sings: "You are my drug. More lethal than heroin from Afghanistan and more dangerous than Colombian cocaine."

Bruni has repeatedly said she wrote the songs before meeting Sarkozy, so listeners should not look to the lyrics for clues about her feelings for the French president. REUTERS

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File shot of ex-model Carla Bruni from March 2007, when her song Those Dancing Days Are Gone registered at No. 4 in France. Bruni will release her third album July 21.

Record drug bust nets 237 tons of hashish

Afghan police have seized 237 tons of hashish in what NATO-led forces and the British government called the biggest narcotics haul in history.

The cannabis product had an estimated wholesale value of US $400 million, a statement by the NATO-led ISAF force said yesterday.

opium seized

» The ISAF statement said police had also seized about 5.1 tons of opium, with an estimated value of US $30 million, and arrested 13 drug dealers in Helmand province.

It was found in a series of trenches in southern Kandahar province, near the Pakistan border, which were then set on fire. One ton is about the weight of a small family car.

"With this single find, they (the police) have seriously crippled the Taliban's ability to purchase weapons that threaten the safety and security of the Afghan people and the region," said General David McKiernan, commander of ISAF, the International Security Assistance Force.

Afghanistan produces more than 90 per cent of the world's opium and is rapidly becoming one of the largest producers of cannabis.

"This was the largest ever single find of narcotics in history," British Foreign Secretary David Miliband said in a statement. REUTERS

China **Dragged out**

REUTERS PHOTO

Zuo Hongkun, a shopkeeper who sells cigarettes and alcohol, is dragged out of her shop by enforcement officials in Henan province yesterday. Zuo's shop is considered an illegal building and was slated to be demolished, but she claims she had signed a 40-year lease with the landlord, local media reported.

celebrities

Obama winning star power war?

VISIT An unannounced Capitol Hill visit by Jennifer Lopez this week underscores the fact Democrat Barack Obama is winning the image war against presumptive Republican nominee John McCain when it comes to star power, particularly of the beautiful young female type.

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»news In Brief

» **POLITICS** The chief of Democrat Barack Obama's search for a vice-presidential running mate stepped down from that role yesterday over questions about loans he received from a company involved in the U.S. housing crisis.

» **ARREST** Serbia arrested a top Bosnian Serb war crimes fugitive, Bosnian Serb security chief Stojan Zupljanin, 56, yesterday, and will hand him to the UN tribunal in The Hague, earning praise from the European Union and the United States.

» **TORNADO** Four were killed and at least 20 injured when a tornado tore through an Iowa boy scout camp yesterday, where dozens of scouts were gathered for a summer retreat, state officials said.

» **PLANE** A Sudanese airliner coming from Amman and Damascus burst into flames after landing in Khartoum on Tuesday night, killing at least 30 of the 214 people on board, officials and witnesses said yesterday. At least 178 passengers and crew escaped the burning Sudan Airways plane and survived, while six others were still missing, the airline's general manager told journalists late yesterday.

» **CLIMATE** Industrialized nations are failing to lead enough at UN climate talks in Bonn even as developing states are showing interest in a new global warming treaty, the UN's top climate official said yesterday.

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When the credit crisis ends, U.S home prices may have lost a third of their value, translating into almost $4 trillion of lost access to capital. That's the view of top credit analysts. REUTERS

Canadian shoppers still paying more

Prices 18% higher than in U.S.: Study

Retail prices in Canada, from cars to video games and books, remain 18 per cent higher than the U.S. despite the loonie's meteoric rise to parity with the greenback last fall, according to the latest study by Doug Porter, deputy chief economist at BMO Capital Markets

While that's down from the 24 per cent price gap seen a year ago, it's still "extraordinarily large," Porter said in the report called "Uh, oh… the Price is Still wrong."

Meanwhile, Canadian retailers' profit margins are soaring, thanks in part to the higher dollar and cheap Asian imports, an earlier report by National Bank Financial shows. Retail profit margins hit a record high of 4.3 per cent in the first three months of this year, and are up 16 per cent over last year.

It seems retailers dropped prices just far enough last fall to "staunch a wave of cross-border shopping," Porter said.

Canadian visits to the U.S. peaked in November, the same month the price gap between the two countries hit 30 per cent, he noted.

The Retail Council of Canada says Canadian prices will never be equal to U.S. stores given the higher import duties, labour, transportation and other costs of doing business in Canada.

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comparisons

» Porter noted that price comparisons between the two countries have become more difficult. Many books and magazines no longer come with both prices printed on their covers, while some products now have tiny differences in specifications between Canada and the U.S., he said.

Oil prices 40% overvalued?

The price of oil is overvalued by at least 40 per cent and should fall to around $80 US to $90 US per barrel over the longer term, a top European Union economic adviser was quoted as saying yesterday.

Klaus Gretschmann, director general for internal market issues at the EU's Council of Ministers, told German daily Die Welt that a speculative bubble had formed around oil prices which would burst, lowering the cost of crude.

"Twenty per cent of the current price is attributable to foreign exchange effects and the weakness of the dollar, another 25 per cent are down to speculation," he said.

Average production costs for a barrel of crude were currently around $15 to $25, the paper quoted him as saying. REUTERS

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GM wants $1.5M from CAW

General Motors of Canada is seeking $1.5 million in damages from the Canadian Auto Workers union and is seeking an injunction against the union's blockade of its Oshawa, Ont., headquarters, court documents showed.

GM filed a notice of action with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice against CAW Local 222 and five of its members Tuesday.

The union's blockade has prevented anyone from entering the headquarters for eight days now.

Union members set up the blockade after GM announced last week it would close its Oshawa truck plant in 2009, with up to 2,600 workers losing their jobs.

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» **COPYRIGHT** The federal government said yesterday it will introduce a bill in Parliament today to overhaul the country's copyright law. Experts have speculated the Conservative government will bow to U.S. pressure to crack down on copying of digital material with draconian restrictions written into the law. REUTERS

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FATHER'Sday

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DVDs great for Dad

By **RICK McGINNIS**
for Metro Vancouver

Just as Mother's Day is presaged by a torrent of romantic comedies and Halloween by the release of ever-more-obscure horror films from the vaults of the studios, the lead-up to Father's Day usually involves an avalanche of war films and westerns on DVD. This year, however, there have been a few wrinkles in the DVD prelude to Father's Day — a day that Dad is obviously supposed to spend on the couch watching tanks crash through hedgerows and bad guys go down gut-shot.

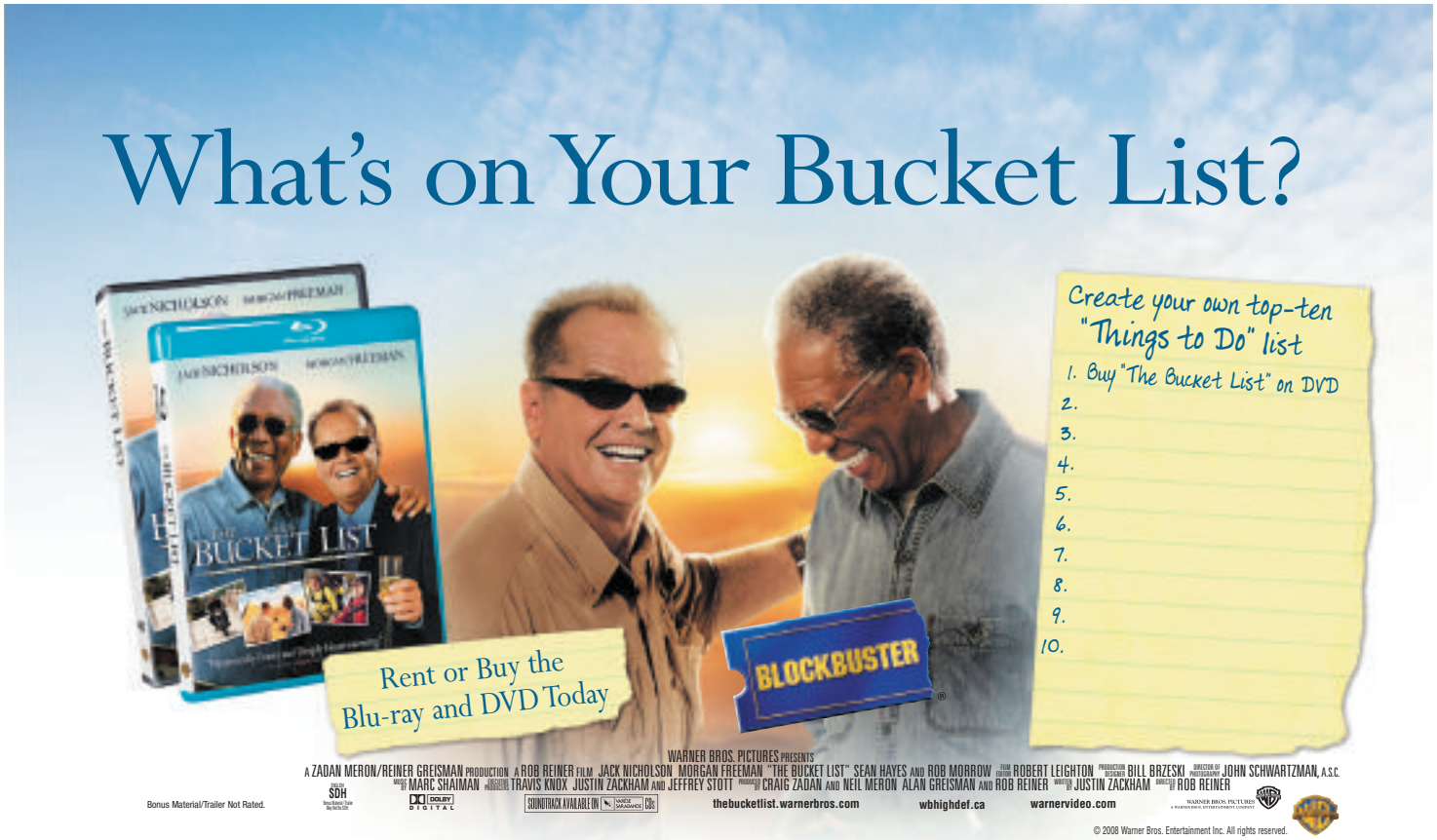
Top of the shopping list is Warner's **Dirty Harry: The Ultimate Collection** — seven discs collecting all five of Clint Eastwood's portrayals of the cop who never heard of Miranda rights. Warner's deluxe set comes with a little hardcover book, a map of the Harry's pursuit of the Scorpio Killer through San Francisco in the first film, a collection of facsimiles of studio paperwork on the series, and a little toy Harry Callaghan badge for Dad to use if he wants mom to do her best Sondra Locke after the kids are in bed.

Warner's also has a hell of a Frank Sinatra reissue program to draw on for Father's Day DVD gifts. **Sinatra**, the award-winning miniseries biopic of Sinatra's life starring Philip Casnoff as the singer — produced by Sinatra's daughter Tina — is a fond look at the singer with only a few of the famous warts on display. The wedding cake of the box sets is the **Rat Pack Ultimate Collector's Edition**, which brings together the original Ocean's 11 with its three successively less swinging follow-ups — **Robin And The 7 Hoods**, **4 For Texas** and **Sergeants 3** — with a collection of facsimile promo photos, lobby cards and an exhibitor's publicity book for the first film, along with a souvenir deck of cards.

Less lavish — but probably more basically watchable — is the three-disc set collecting the films Sinatra made with Gene Kelly (**On The Town**, **Take Me Out To The Ball Game** and **Anchors Aweigh**). **Frank Sinatra: The Golden Years** brings together five films Sinatra made during his post-comeback pinnacle in the '50s and early '60s, including **The Man With The Golden Arm** and **Some Came Running**. **Frank Sinatra: The Early Years** does the same thing for Skinny Frankie in the '40s, with titles like **It Happened In Brooklyn** and **Step Lively**.

Finally, if Dad's managed to get a Blu-ray player, MGM has a quintet of war films out in high-def. **Patton**, **The Longest Day** and **The Sand Pebbles** all duplicate their regular DVD special editions, with bonus features on an extra disc for the first two titles, and Dad will probably experience shell shock after seeing these old favourites in HD. The discs of **The Battle Of Britain** and **A Bridge Too Far** come bare bones, however, without any special features, which means Dad will probably want to keep his DVD versions.

Dirty Harry: The Ultimate Collection contains seven discs with all five of Clint Eastwood's portrayals of the famous cop.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The Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings have agreed to a new three-year contract with head coach Mike Babcock, left. The Wings have won 50-or-more games in each of their three seasons under Babcock. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Linden even better off the ice

TOUL BOX
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Exactly 20 years after the Canucks selected him 2nd overall and exactly 14 years after his biggest win in the NHL (Game 6 of the 1994 Stanley Cup final), **Trevor Linden** officially announced his retirement. And while there are those who will shed tears at Linden's departure from the game, there should be nothing but smiles.

For starters, Linden lasted far longer than most professional hockey players, and he spent the bulk of his career in a Vancouver uniform. He scored big goals, played with immeasurable heart, and was the face of the franchise during its most productive playoff run. Face it; he's more Canuck than Johnny Canuck.

But, as so many around this province can attest to, Linden has become so much more than a hockey player. Many philanthropists have donated more dollars to the community, but few, if any, have given more of themselves.

Linden's charity work has been well documented; the sheer number of children visited, families that he's spent time with and money he's raised by lending his name and time is incalculable.

That impact exceeds all expectations of a pro athlete, but with Linden it goes even further. He takes five minutes in the local coffee shop to talk to a fan instead of rushing out. He knows the security guards and ushers at GM Place by name and treats them as his equals. He stops by Canuck Place unexpectedly, when no cameras or reporters are around, and spends time with the children and their families.

I know this because I've seen it with my own two eyes. During the Canucks' warmup before Linden's final game on April 5, I was on the Vancouver bench with two teens whose parents had purchased a behind-the-scenes tour at a school auction. Though he was less than an hour away from his final NHL appearance, Linden skated over, asked who the kids were, and then said 'hi' to a pair of awestruck young men.

So why does he do all of these things?

"I think if you're going to live in Vancouver, you belong to Vancouver," said the man himself on the TEAM 1040 yesterday afternoon.

That, more than anything, is the reason we should consider ourselves lucky. Linden said he hasn't decided what his immediate future holds. Maybe he'll go into coaching or management with the Canucks. Maybe he'll focus on business interests outside of hockey. Some, like outgoing Mayor **Sam Sullivan**, think Linden should go into politics.

Whatever he does, Linden has made it very clear that he will still be a part of this community. Based on what he's already done for this province, that's worth far more than anything he ever did on the ice.

» Want to weigh in? E-mail me at *scott.rintoul@metronews.ca*.

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NHL

Wings' Holmstrom has hernia surgery

DETROIT Detroit Red Wings forward Tomas Holmstrom underwent surgery yesterday.

According to a Detroit newspaper, Holmstrom had the procedure done in Philadelphia to repair a sports hernia which had nagged him since March.

Holmstrom sat out Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Finals after suffering a hamstring injury in Game 3.

NHL

Ducks sign Hiller to an extension

GOALIE The Anaheim Ducks signed goaltender Jonas Hiller to a two-year extension yesterday. The contract will run through the 2009-10 season.

Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

The 26-year-old Hiller made his NHL debut last season, posting a 10-7-1 record with a 2.06 goals against average in 23 games.

MLB

Cubs' Soriano to miss six weeks

INJURY Chicago Cubs star left fielder Alfonso Soriano broke a finger on his left hand in yesterday's 7-2 win against the Atlanta Braves.

Early word is that Soriano could be out for six weeks, meaning the Cubs will have to find a new lead-off man.

The team may promote shortstop Ryan Theriot to the lead-off position.

NBA

Rondo sits out due to sore ankle

INJURIES Boston Celtics point guard Rajon Rondo didn't practise yesterday, one day after leaving Game 3 of the NBA Finals against the Los Angeles Lakers with an injury to his left ankle.

Rondo said he hopes to play tonight as the Celtics look to take a 3-1 stranglehold in the best-of-seven series. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sharks hire Red Wing assistant as head coach

The San Jose Sharks have named Detroit Red Wings assistant Todd McLellan their new head coach.

McLellan

McLellan will be formally introduced during a press conference this afternoon.

The Detroit Free Press reports McLellan, who was assistant to Red Wings coach Mike Babcock the past three years, agreed to a three-year deal with the Sharks. The newspaper reports McLellan was interviewed this past weekend by Sharks general manager Doug Wilson, and it went so well that McLellan cancelled a meeting set for later this week in Atlanta to discuss the Thrashers head coaching position.

"Todd McLellan has an excellent track record and has had success at every level of coaching in his career," said Wilson. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo, right, celebrates his goal with teammates Pepe, left, and Armando Petit during their Euro 2008 Group A match against Czech Republic yesterday in Geneva.

Portugal playoff bound

Turkey eliminates host Switzerland

EURO2008

Portugal became the first team into the Euro 2008 quarter-finals while co-hosts Switzerland went out in heart-breaking circumstances after two action-packed Group A matches yesterday.

Portugal, the 2004 runners-up, beat Czech Republic 3-1 in a hugely entertaining game in Geneva while Turkey snatched an injury-time 2-1 win over Switzerland in Basel, where torrential rain left first-half playing conditions almost farcical.

Portugal now have six points from their first two matches and are guaranteed to top the group regardless of what happens in their final game against Switzerland on Sunday.

The Czechs and Turkey each have three and meet in their last game — a winner-takes-all battle for second place which, for the first time in a major tournament group phase, will go to penalties if it ends level.

Yesterday's opening game was another classic and also featured the first equalizer of the tournament when Libor Sionko's diving header for the Czechs cancelled out Deco's opener in a high-tempo first half.

Portugal pressed on after the break and got the vital second with a sweetly-struck shot by Ronaldo after 63 minutes, Ricardo Quaresma rounding it off with an injury-time breakaway.

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NBA FINALS
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*L.A. Lakers at Boston, 6
(Boston leads series 2-1)
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Minnesota 8 Cleveland 5
Seattle 2 Toronto 1
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N.Y. Yankees at Oakland
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Pittsburgh 3 Washington 1
St. Louis 10 Cincinnati 0
N.Y. Mets 5 Arizona 3 (13 ings)
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Milwaukee 10 Houston 6
Colorado 1 San Francisco 0
San Diego 4 L.A. Dodgers 1
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GROUP A

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Portugal	2	0	0	5	1	6
Czech Rep.	1	1	0	2	3	3
Turkey	1	1	0	2	3	3
Switzerland	0	2	0	1	3	0

GROUP B

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Germany	1	0	0	2	0	3
Croatia	1	0	0	1	0	3
Austria	0	1	0	0	1	0
Poland	0	1	0	0	2	0

GROUP C

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Netherlands	1	0	0	3	0	3
France	0	0	1	0	0	1
Romania	0	0	1	0	0	1
Italy	0	1	0	0	3	0

GROUP D

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Spain	1	0	0	4	1	3
Sweden	1	0	0	2	0	3
Greece	0	1	0	0	2	0
Russia	0	1	0	1	4	0

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
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Turkey 2 Switzerland 1
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Relationships are tricky and complex

SCIENCE MATTERS
DAVID SUZUKI & DR. FAISAL MOOLA

No matter how much I learn about nature, I never cease to be amazed by its mystery and complexity. That point really struck me in light of a recent study in the journal Biological Conservation about the relationship between the hyacinth macaw, the toco toucan, and the manduvi tree.

The hyacinth macaw is an endangered bird in central Brazil. The toucan is the macaw's main predator. Besides feeding on the whole seeds of the manduvi where the macaws live, the toucan also has a big appetite for macaw eggs. The researchers also observed toucans taking over macaw hollows and killing the nestlings.

And so, ironically, the macaw depends on its main predator, the toucan, for its survival.

It's a puzzle that illustrates the importance of seeing the big picture when it comes to protecting the environment. Attempting to manage a single species in isolation can't work because nature is just too complex. Take the caribou, an iconic species found throughout Canada. In British Columbia, populations of mountain caribou that inhabit the Interior rainforests have plummeted to an estimated 1,900 individuals from historic levels of about 10,000.

The main threat is the destruction of its old-growth forest habitat by commercial logging, but scientists believe that predators, like wolves and cougars, may have also played a role in the caribou's decline. Because of this, the B.C. government has initiated a plan to kill wolves and other predators, in addition to protecting significant areas of the caribou's habitat. Such "predator control" wildlife management practices are increasingly being proposed or used elsewhere in Canada. However, because the science of predator-prey interactions is poorly understood, these methods can have severe and unintended consequences. In the case of the hyacinth macaw, killing its main predator would ensure its demise.

We must understand the broader context if we want our wildlife management plans and conservation efforts to succeed.

Governments have been talking about this "ecosystem approach" for some time, but so far they've been slow to follow the talk with action. The official (and somewhat bureaucratic) name for one area off Canada's West Coast even acknowledges this broader-context approach: The Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area, or PNCIMA. This 88,000-square-kilometre marine region next to B.C.'s Great Bear Rainforest encompasses the central and north coast and Haida Gwaii and is home to a fascinating variety of life, from basking sharks and blue whales to massive kelp forests and glass-sponge reefs. Although the federal government has committed to using an ecosystem approach for managing the PNCIMA, it has taken little action to implement the process. Environmental groups, including the David Suzuki Foundation, used World Ocean Day (June 8) to draw attention to this fact and to the lack of marine protected areas in Canada's ocean territories.

Like the Earth's forests, oceans are complex environments where everything is interconnected. Whether on land or at sea, large population changes (including extinction) in one species can have cascading effects throughout the ecosystem.

Good conservation planning requires efforts by local communities and governments at all levels to base decisions on an understanding not just of each species in isolation but of ecosystems as a whole. And we must keep in mind that we're a part of that whole, even though our relationship with nature is often as complex and tricky as the relationship between the hyacinth macaw and the toco toucan.

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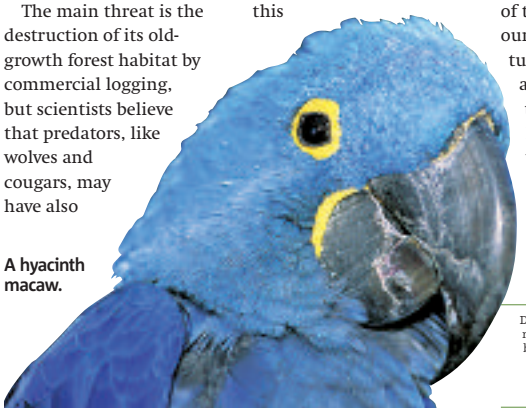

A hyacinth macaw.

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Open mind key to great decor

URBAN DWELLER
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It's amazing what eight metres of bargain-priced fabric can do for the human spirit.

I was errand-shopping for something else entirely when I discovered a roll of chocolately printed velvet at my favourite bargain fabric store, Textile Clearance House on Fraser and 38th Avenue. If I see something I love, and it's $3 a metre, my rule is carpe diem — or, in this case, "seize the fabric." Serendipitous moments like this are what get the creative juices flowing. My mind rolls over new ideas like my laptop hard drive whirring away in the background. It's a kind of high, even if it's all to do with living space.

A yoga-enthusiast friend is big on this kind of open-mindedness to new possibilities. "Way to keep that seventh chakra open," he once said to me. I rolled my eyes at him, so he explained: "It's like a satellite on the top of your head, open to receiving new energies."

This is how my formerly French country-inspired dining nook got its big update.

After five years, I'd had enough of the eight fussy toile and striped throw cushions propped on yellow seat pads. The comfy-whimsy style was looking frumpy and overdone. I swapped out the cushions for two long foam backs (about $100 at Discount Foam just up the street from Textile Clearance House) and sewed up the casings with zippers, so they can be removed for cleaning. Voila, the new-look nook that will no doubt go through another soft-cover transformation in another decade.

My own configuration is the result of a lot of rumination. I knew I wanted the opportunity to change up the look every few years, and that I wanted at least eight dinner guests to be able to enjoy the view outside. I also needed more storage space.

It would have been a lot easier to pick up a dining room set than have a carpenter build custom benches with under-seat storage for the same price and then find a suitable table, but keeping that invisible satellite open to receiving new ways of thinking about a particular space has its benefits.

It's all more proof that planning a space well in the first place will ensure it stays useful and looks good for years to come. It starts with identifying what uses the space must achieve, and allowing a little serendipity along the way.

CARLYN YANDLE/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

A French country-inspired dining nook gets an update, by replacing the frills with clean lines and rich texture.

Carlyn Yandle is a Vancouver journalist with her own room-planning business, Home Reworks (www.homereworks.com).

IKEA PHOTO

Gosa Syren standard pillow for back sleeper, $13.99 at IKEA.

New options for a good night's sleep

IKEA adds to line for bedtime

This month, IKEA will be changing its entire range of quilts and pillows as well as introducing a whole new range of advanced foam and latex mattresses, in addition to its spring mattresses.

Although spring mattresses are still the preferred choice in North America, there are many health benefits to choosing a foam or latex mattress.

Latex is the perfect choice for allergy sufferers. Latex is naturally hypoallergenic as it is dust-mite resistant.

Foam is a soft and supple mattress material that provides stable comfort and absorbs the shock of body movements, providing a restful and uninterrupted sleep.

Madeleine Lowenborg-Frick, public relations manager for IKEA Canada, said IKEA has also "redefined ergonomic" when it comes to pillows.

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Topping off your toilet with a bidet

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The design team discussed the curious but highly practical bidet a month ago — and there were a lot of questions and a lot of interest.

We hope this column clarifies some of your questions. There are different kinds of bidets — we discussed the elegant stand-alone unit, which requires extra space and plumbing and tends to be regarded as "high end". But many people without room or the desire to redo the plumbing in their bathrooms asked us about the toilet seat-type bidet. The toilet seat bidet is just what it sounds like — it is mounted on top of a conventional toilet like a larger-than-usual toilet seat. And it does exactly what a bidet is supposed to do — it cleans your posterior parts with soothing water (rather than subjecting them to the repeated and sometimes irritating scrubs with toilet paper or washcloths).

We've got to admit this — from a design point of view, we don't like a toilet-top bidet that looks too bulky and too "high-tech". Please keep sleek and streamlined in mind — the last thing you want in a bathroom is a complicated and overly technical-looking piece of equipment, especially on a toilet.

BRONDELL PHOTO

Toilet seat-type bidets, like this Brondell Swash 800, are a good way to save space in a bathroom.

That being said, we cannot deny that the toilet-seat bidet has unbeatable practical advantages. For instance, it takes virtually no room. Once installed, it simply makes the existing toilet a little taller in the back. And it hooks up to the existing toilet, so not much extra plumbing is involved. In addition, the toilet seat bidets are easy to install and come off easily for cleaning. How persuasive is that?

The bidet toilet seat also has the advantage of being used in the same way a toilet is used — users sit on the toilet in the usual way and operate controls to turn on a water spray. So users with limited mobility may find the toilet-top bidet easier to use than a stand-alone unit, since they do not have to move themselves from the toilet, face the wall, and straddle the stand-alone — a task that takes considerable physical dexterity.

"There is no squatting (with a toilet-top bidet) — easier for those with sore knees," notes Rita Van Dyke, sales consultant with Burnaby-based BC Plumbing.

The other amazing thing about the toilet seat bidet is the frankly astonishing range of features that are available. With a remote control, you can control water temperature and intensity, but you can also choose pulsating sprays, blow-drying, a heated seat and much more.

Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are hosts of Arresting Design on W Network.

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Katherine Heigl, left, will star in and produce the movie adaptation of Escape, Carolyn Jessop's memoir about living in a polygamist sect. EW.COM

new story

Apocalypse is now for Rogen

Rogen

MOVIES Can the end of the world be funny? Mandate Pictures thinks so, and it's turning an Internet trailer that writer/actor Seth Rogen and his pals did on the subject into a feature film.

Jay and Seth vs. the Apocalypse will be written by Rogen and his writing partner, Evan Goldberg, and will star Rogen and Jay Baruchel.

new series

Gossip Girl makers consider spinoff

Momsen

TV The makers of Gossip Girl are planning a spinoff series set at a girls' boarding school.

Producers are hoping to expand the popular CW show either by giving co-star Taylor Momsen her own series or by introducing a new character in the fall who is later spun off. Regardless of which actor is used as the centre of the new show, the story would likely draw on the arc of Momsen's character, Jenny Humphrey. REUTERS

Wipe that smile away

Singer-songwriter Aimee Mann drops seventh solo disc

By **ANN-MARIE COLACINO** for Metro Vancouver

@#%&*! Smilers, the latest album from Aimee Mann, was released last week.

With her seventh solo album recently released and two decades of success behind her, including an Oscar nod, singer/songwriter Aimee Mann has a lot to smile about.

Just don't ask her to.

She makes it clear she despises this type of request in her new album title @#%&*! Smilers, which audiences are expected to insert their own curse word into. It's pointed at a phrase Mann and a friend coined to describe people who feel the need to tell others to be more… well, smiley.

The characters in Mann's 13-song pop collection would likely share this sentiment. They include a drug addict, a has-been, an insecure artist and a host of other troubled personalities.

"I think it's a mix of both (real and fictional characters)… there's definitely songs about people I know, but a lot of it is fictional," says Mann about Smilers, released on her own SuperEgos label.

Highly praised for her lyrics (characters and situations in the 1999 movie Magnolia were written based on her songs), Mann's carefully crafted storytelling is often confessional and/or cautionary.

"(Songwriting) is good for the kinds of things that you can't really talk to anybody about and you can barely sort of even explain to yourself. It's a way for your subconscious to kind of communicate with your self," explained the youthful-looking 47-year-old during a recent interview.

In synth-pop opener Freeway, the former 'Til Tuesday front woman documents the struggles of a drug-addicted friend.

"I think everybody struggles with obsession to a certain extent because I think it's a mechanism by which people make themselves feel better… It gives you the illusion of control and power."

And while the Los Angeles-based singer stays true to her soulful pop sound, Smilers differs from her other work in its lack of electric guitar. A decision she says was made during recording because "we just didn't need it."

Instead, Mann focuses on keyboard, acoustic guitar and synthesizers.

For instance, the last track, Ballantines, is an almost cabaret-sounding tune, albeit telling the disheartening story of a one-time hot shot now down on his luck.

"I dreamt that I wrote a song and I was listening to this song in my dream and at the end of every verse, it referenced a different beer… All I remember (was Ballantines beer) and I just thought that that was such a ridiculous idea that I thought I'd see if I could write something that had the flavour of that dream."

Dirty little Wet Secrets

Edmonton group blends zany lyrics with dance rock

By **BRIAN COULTON** for Metro Vancouver

The Wet Secrets' album Rock Fantasy mixes humorous lyrics and energetic dance rock.

A small, unsuspecting prairie town sits quiet. The clichéd tumbleweed rolls by. Suddenly, movement is seen in the distance. It's people — fifty of them. They're wearing marching band uniforms, promenading down the main strip in single file. Some play instruments, some wave flags and twirl batons while others pull little red wagons holding powered amps. But, before the town knows what's hit them, the procession has marched out the other side of town, boarded a bus and is gone.

That's The Wet Secrets' rock fantasy.

"That is really our fantasy: 'Guerilla marching band strikes on unsuspecting small town'," envisions Trevor Anderson, vocalist and drummer for the Edmonton quintet.

Rock Fantasy is also the title of the band's sophomore album; an uproariously commanding record characterized by overtly humorous lyrics and vigorous dance-rock songs.

"We very happily — sometimes to our detriment — shout things that should be kept secret," he says. "There's a strange amount of innocence in it. It's not dark. It's maybe dirty but light. Dirty light — that's us."

They almost have to be light. Busy lives outside The Wet Secrets barely permit them time to focus too heavily on the band's development.

Kim Rackel on tuba and trumpet and Donna Ball on trombone run burlesque troupe, Capital City Burlesque. Lyle Bell does overtime in Shout Out Out Out Out and manages production of Edmonton's Vue Weekly. Keyboardist Doug Organ (check his birth certificate) produces and plays in a number of bands and Anderson doubles as a budding filmmaker.

"It's just hard to get the five of us in a room, let alone a city," says Anderson.

When asked if the band has longevity in them, Anderson jokes, "Oh, I doubt it! It was meant to be a one week prank and it has been pulling us along so far."

But, Anderson says The Wet Secrets are happy fatalists, optimistic about what's to come. "We know if it's meant to be, it will be. There's a certain amount of life that you just have no say in. The more you can embrace that, the more happy accidents can occur."

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Update dad's style this Father's Day

STYLE FILE
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ask kim

How can I get my man to dress up more often?

If you want your man to dress up and you know that he won't go out of his way to buy a dress shirt, buy it for him and give it to him as a gift. Also, don't just tell him something looks good because you like it. Be truthful and pay him honest compliments.

E-mail your style questions to kim.elbo@metronews.ca.

With a passion for recognizing the purpose and beauty of fashion, I shop and travel filling you in on the latest styles, events and tips in my column, Style File.

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accessories

Love your dad but think he doesn't have the best style? Update his look with new accessories this Father's Day. Shabby vintage-looking baseball caps are out. Instead give him a hat that is chic and classic like a fedora. If your dad's a joker or a drinker the American Eagle belt is a fun little gift that he'd love to show his friends. Comfort is key for anyone especially for a man who works hard at being such a great dad. Give his tired feet some love with these casual cool Campers.

accessorize
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outfit

Sometimes dad just doesn't know what to wear. Give him a little nudge in the right direction with an outfit he can mix and match with other pieces in his wardrobe. Colour block shorts are something he could wear with any T-shirt, polo or sweater. A plain white T-shirt just won't do these days, so pick out a graphic T-shirt that'll fit his interests. Bring the whole look together with a jacket perfect for a summer day out, like the one by Peak Performance.

pssst...
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tip
If you're still stuck on what to buy dad make him something. A handcrafted gift is the type of gift he'll always want to keep.

Sex & The City-inspired shoes

Patricia Field at Payless

SEX & THE CITY fans hungry for quirky-cool footwear will be keen to check out the fresh mini-collection by the show/film's stylist Patricia Field at **Payless**. Saucy round-toed pumps, strappy thongs, cigarette-heeled slides and sweet ballet flats (leaning deliberately on the more fashion-forward Carrie/Samantha aesthetic) — all in metallic hues — are yours starting at just $35 a pair. Best selection at the Queen West and Fairview Mall locations. For a preview visit: *www.payless.com.*

For the Boys (and the Dads)

MARK'S WORK Wearhouse has all kinds of summer-weight button-down shirts, tees, sandals and shorts for men this season and right now a lot of these casual and office-friendly items are priced to move for Father's Day (Sunday June 15) starting at just $14.99. You'll also find quirky gifts such as the digital coin counter bank for the frugal dad ($22) and retro-cool K-Way jackets for sporty dads (now down to $29). While you're there, the spring/summer separates for ladies are also worth a gander — specifically, the well-cut capris and stylish cargo pants ($24 - 31), plus a selection of whisper-light tops tapered at the waist in bold fashion-forward hues (eg. electric blue, magenta) for $29. Sale ends Sunday! Visit: *www.marks.com.*

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Bra deals

WITH SUMMER around the corner and all kinds of sexy back-baring tops tempting us all, it's time to consider an update for the ladies. **Triumph**, **Warner** and **WonderBra** all have convertible bras — some of which can be worn in 5 different ways for discreet support under almost any dress or halter top. And, right now, several styles from these lines and select other labels are part of the Buy 2, Get 1 Free deal. So, stock up on your faves or shop with a friend, and split the savings.

Reitmans frock watch

ANOTHER WAVE of reductions have hit at **Reitmans**, so frugalistas keen to score some cute summer dresses on the cheap should head over. Expect to find numerous styles and size ranges (halters, wraps, cocktail and peasant dresses) with pleasing price tags starting at $30 and very few over $50.

There are also oodles of sweet tops and chic short-sleeved blazers, flattering capris, flirty skirts, trouser shorts and copious summer accessories also reduced to clear. Lots of lightweight seasonal goodies are priced under $25, so leaving empty-handed is a rarity this week. Visit: *www.reitmans.com.*

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Sex & The City stylist Patricia Field recently launched her new shoe line at Payless — all in metallic hues.

injury

Craig latest victim of Bond 'curse'

MOVIE The curse on the new James Bond film Quantum Of Solace has claimed another victim — 007 star Daniel Craig has sliced off the top of his finger during an action sequence, imdb.com reports.

The production of the film has been marred by accidents — including a car crash which left one crewmember critically injured — causing gossips to conclude the movie is jinxed.

Production had to be halted in April when a stuntman suffered serious head injuries after losing control of a vehicle and slamming into a wall in northern Italy.

Craig was admitted to hospital on Tuesday after cutting his finger.

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Newman has cancer: Friend

Actor Paul Newman told friends as far back as 18 months ago that he was battling cancer but has remained energetic and active in charity work, a friend and business associate said yesterday.

Writer A.E. Hotchner, who co-founded Newman's Own food products with the actor, said Newman, 83, was doing fine as of two weeks ago. Asked if Newman had cancer, Hotchner said "he made it known to a lot of his friends."

Hotchner, who lives near Newman and his wife, actress Joanne Woodward, in Westport, Conn., said he did not know what type of cancer Newman had because "I don't believe it's any of my business, and I don't want to get into it."

The widely acclaimed actor of films such as The Color Of Money and The Sting Tuesday responded to a flurry of unconfirmed media reports that he was gravely ill with cancer by issuing a terse statement saying he was "doing nicely."

Newman

His Los Angeles-based spokesman Jeff Sanderson declined to elaborate and yesterday was not immediately available to comment.

According to numerous reports, Newman has been diagnosed with lung cancer and was undergoing outpatient treatment at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. A spokeswoman for Sloan-Kettering has said she had no information about whether Newman was a patient there.

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television

Green to drop by My Name Is Earl

CASTING Actor Seth Green will guest star on an episode of My Name Is Earl. Green will play Buddy Zaks, a former Make-a-Wish child whose wish to star in an action movie was ruined by Earl (Jason Lee). REUTERS

television

Kennedy answers Whisperer's call

CASTING Jamie Kennedy is joining the cast of Ghost Whisperer. He will play Eli, a graduate student in psychology at the local university who forms a bond with Melinda (Jennifer Love Hewitt). REUTERS

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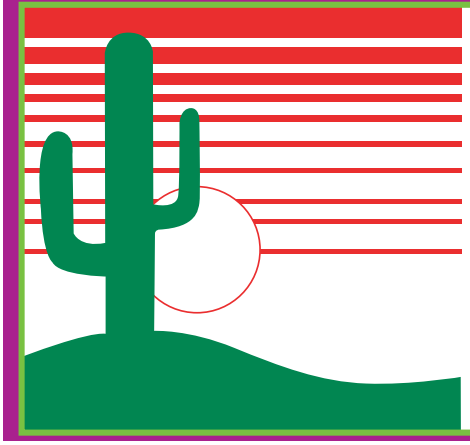

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IDIOT BOX

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CALL IT RESEARCH: As everyone knows, actress Tatum O'Neal was caught up in a drug bust earlier this month, busted on New York's Lower East Side buying cocaine during what she calls a downward emotional spiral after the death of her dog. It's another troubled chapter in the life of the daughter of actor Ryan O'Neal and actress Joanna Cook Moore. In a piece in Entertainment Weekly just after her arrest she tried to explain her motives, adding that she's estranged from her father, and that her mother died of her addiction. (Moore, a heavy smoker, died of lung cancer in 1997.)

That O'Neal is sticking to the addict's script is fairly obvious, so it comes as no surprise to hear that Denis Leary is fully supportive of his fellow Rescue Me cast member. O'Neal plays the sister of Leary's character on the show — an alcoholic like her brother, with a little porn addiction on the side and the sort of emotional history that would even make friends think twice before trying to fix her up with someone they know.

"Tatum shot a couple of episodes before her recent trouble," Leary told the National Ledger this week, "and she has a lot of other segments she'll do — it doesn't matter to me when and how she comes back. I love her. She's great."

It also adds an extra layer of verisimilitude to the show, which has been pushing the limits of dark comedy since it debuted on FX almost four years ago; with O'Neal, the show has landed itself in some swampy region between method acting and reality TV.

SPECIAL GUESTS: "Stunt-casting" is just one of the ways in which primetime has been spicing itself up lately, poaching the more sordid parts of the tabloid marquee for ratings-grabbing guest shots, as well as getting movie stars, actors with featured parts on other shows, and the occasional wily casting in-joke, to turn every week into "a very special episode."

It's become so common that Seth Green, late of Buffy and currently of Robot Chicken fame, was forced to wonder aloud to the Hollywood Reporter that he's only now gotten around to making an appearance on My Name Is Earl, a show that has, so far, featured spots by Paris Hilton, Howie Mandel, Giovanni Ribisi, Juliette Lewis and Michael Rapaport, among others.

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critics'corner

My Name Is Earl

Earl needs a girl! Not just any girl, though. In "Love Octagon," Earl (Jason Lee) awakens from his coma firm in the belief that he and Billie (Alyssa Milano) are meant to be together. Now all he has to do is locate her. With the trailer still out of commission, Joy and Darnell (Jaime Pressly, Eddie Steeples) take up residence in the Crab Shack. 8 PM on NBC GTV

My Boys

So who's that waiting on the plane? The second-season premiere of this sitcom should answer that. When we left PJ and Stephanie (Jordano Spiro, Kellee Stewart), they were boarding a Rome-bound plane, where PJ's mystery date was waiting. Could it be one of her new love interests ... or one of her stable of male buddies? Kyle Howard and Michael Bunin also star in "The Transitioning." 6:30 PM on TBS

celebritybuzz

Wedding's off: Report

Jamie Lynn Spears' baby joy may have turned sour because her wedding to Casey Aldridge is off, star-magazine.com reports.

The pregnant teenager has called off her wedding to the father of her baby.

Ever since the Zoey 101 star announced she's pregnant, her mom, Lynne Spears, has reportedly been pushing her to marry Aldridge.

While it seems like Jamie Lynn has been trying her best to do the right thing, insiders have told Star that the tension between the couple has become so intense that it's doubtful they will ever exchange vows.

"Jamie Lynn and Casey have been fighting non-stop about everything, from what to name the baby to what to eat for dinner," a source told Star. "And now she's called off their wedding plans."

Despite reports that the couple bought a house near Jamie Lynn's hometown of Kentwood, La., 17-year-old Jamie Lynn has reportedly moved back into the Spears' family estate – and her dad, Jamie Spears, has flown from pop star sister Britney's side in Los Angeles to be there for his younger daughter.

"They've been busy decorating the baby nursery," an insider revealed.

Aldridge, 19, is "in and out," the second insider says of the current status of the couple's relationship.

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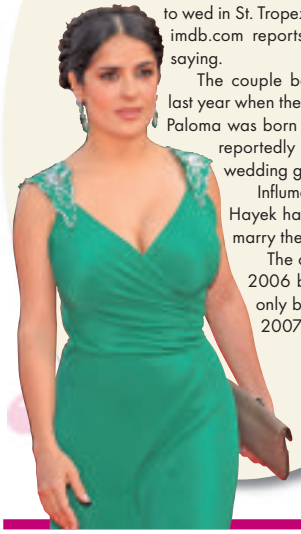
Salma may wed this summer



Actress Salma Hayek and her businessman fiancé Francois-Henri Pinault are planning to wed in St. Tropez later this summer, imdb.com reports French media as saying.

The couple became new parents last year when their daughter Valentina Paloma was born and now Hayek has reportedly started looking for a wedding gown.

Influmedia.com reports that Hayek has happily agreed to marry the millionaire.

The couple met in April 2006 but their romance only became public in 2007.

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Mark drops 'wife' word

Actor Mark Wahlberg and model Rhea Durham have been together for years – and are parents to daughter Ella, 4, and son Michael, 2, People.com reports.

Now, as the couple expects baby No. 3, are they ready to walk down the aisle?

They haven't announced an engagement, but Wahlberg did call Durham his "future wife" recently, at the New York premiere of his new film, The Happening, when discussing his 37th birthday on June 5.

"I had a beautiful day with my kids and my future wife," he said. "We went to brunch."

As for the impending arrival, Wahlberg revealed they're having a son, and that Durham, 29, is due in September. "We're thrilled!"

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Madonna denies divorce

Pop star Madonna is not divorcing her husband, filmmaker Guy Ritchie, the New York Daily News reports her rep as having said.

A blog claimed earlier this week that Madonna had hired top matrimonial lawyer Nicholas Mostyn, the attorney who represented former Beatle Paul McCartney in his divorce from Heather Mills.

Madonna's spokeswoman, Liz Rosenberg, said otherwise.

"All's good. They're very happy," Rosenberg said.

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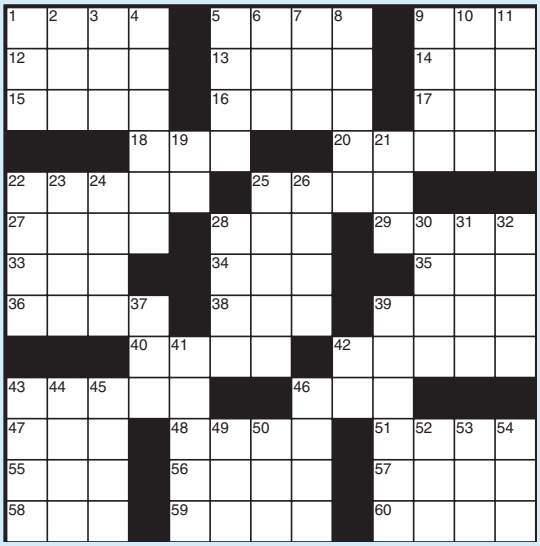

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11 Mellow fruit
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HOROSCOPE

ARIES | March 21-April 20
A forced move is now acceptable. Don't jump to conclusions, and avoid meddling. Uncertainty crops up concerning a romantic fantasy.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
A bubbly female sees an ironic twist of fate. A convenient illness brings release from anxiety. Stock markets are behaving oddly.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Someone you care for will guide you in love. Gratitude will improve your chance of success. You'll have to buff up your skills.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
A weary man faces a series of misfortunes. A pet will give you comfort. A lack of attention will stand out.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
Pride raises its inflamed head. A woman finally gets what she paid for. Being too serious may cause some funny teasing.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Keep in touch with someone who's in the wrong. Take a break from your routine. A senior misses your contribution.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
A fearless friend will perform tricks. A disgusted woman is outrageous, but don't say so. A punitive person influences a conscience.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
A woman wants to talk about having fun. Don't battle against a man's generosity. Making an effort will let you stash extra money.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
A blonde's novel approach changes responses. Nutrition assumes greater importance. Comments are made about an accuser.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Keep a tight grip on your spending. There's a failure to connect with a loved one. Confusion wastes time and causes despair.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Wacky reactions will get stale fast. A change of location will benefit you. A strange voice is heard in an unusual place.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Ask a few questions about fun-filled activities. Noise causes some harsh words. Don't hurt a timid person's earnest heart.

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THE DATING WORLD

To get the latest on what's happening in the world of dating, read Kasia Iglinski's Dating Jungle.

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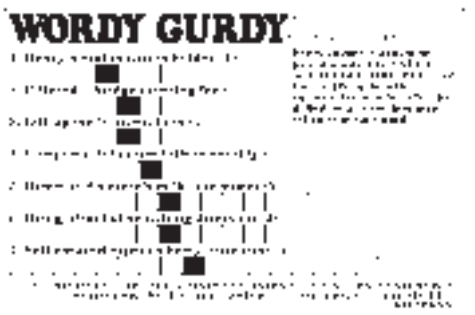

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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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This Day IN HISTORY

June 12, 1942: Holocaust: Future essayist Anne Frank receives a diary for her 13th birthday.

June 12, 1964: Anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela is sentenced to life in prison for sabotage in South Africa.

June 12, 1967: The U.S. Supreme Court declares laws against interracial marriage unconstitutional.

June 12, 1994: Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman are murdered. O.J. Simpson is later acquitted of the killings.

SOURCE: imdb.com

Vancouver weather

The Weather Network theweathernetwork.com

Afternoon	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy. 19°	Partly cloudy. Low 12°	40% Variable. 16°/11°	Sunny. 16°/10°	Sunny. 16°/10°

Temperature
Normals
High: 19.1°
Low: 10.7°

Records
High: 27.4°/1999
Low: 6.1°/1945

Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.
Sunset: 9:18 p.m.
Moonset: 1:46 a.m.
Moonrise: 3:44 p.m.

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